

A BILL

FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION AND SALE, AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASE, OF THE LAWS OF IOWA, RELATING TO TOWNSHIPS AND TO TOWNSHIP OFFICERS, OTHER THAN JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That any private individual, who may have been authorized by the executive council of the state, be and he is hereby empowered, to publish and sell in book form the sections and parts of sections of the laws of the state of Iowa, which may be in force July 4, 1902, with forms, relating to township and township officers, and such other sections and parts of sections, of said laws, as may enable such officers to properly discharge their duties.

Sec. 2. Said book shall contain all the sections and parts of sections of the statutes of the state, which may be in force July 4, 1902, relating to township and township officers, and such statutes as may aid them in understanding and discharging their duties. As a part of said book, there shall be printed suitable and necessary forms in blank for the papers to be drawn by persons making applications to or to be signed by township officers, in the discharge of their duties, for reports required to be made, and for records required to be kept by them. Such book shall contain a suitable and plain index, with cross references in the usual manner of indexing statutes.

Sec. 3. The title of such book shall be "A compilation of the laws of the state of Iowa, relating to township and township officers, other than justices of the peace and constables, with forms published by authority of law."

Sec. 4. Each subject of legislation shall be briefly stated. The sections shall be numbered the same as in the statutes from which copied, and under each section shall be cited, giving book and page of report, each decision of the supreme court of Iowa, as may aid in understanding or explaining same, stating briefly the pertinent point decided.

Sec. 5. The book shall be well made, of first-class material, printed and bound in board, covered with suitable paper with cloth binding and to be well sewed. The main body of the

3 book and prefix, and the subjects indexed, shall be in small pica type of the same quality,
4 double column, all set solid on paper of the same size and of good quality as the school laws
5 of Iowa.

Sec. 6. The book shall be ready for sale and delivery within ninety days after
2 the adjournment of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly and within one hundred and
3 twenty days after such adjournment the county auditor of each county in the state shall
4 order for the use of the township officers, not including constables or justices of the peace
5 within their counties, as many copies of said book as there are civil townships in their
6 respective counties, not including those townships, in which, by reason of municipal organiza-
7 tion there are no township officers.

Sec. 7. The price of such book shall be two dollars and fifty cents per copy, delivered
2 without charge at the respective county seat where ordered. On the receipt of the copies
3 ordered each county auditor shall execute receipts therefor in duplicate, one of which shall
4 be immediately transmitted to the county treasurer and the other to the person furnishing
5 the copies; and at the same time the county auditor shall issue to such person a warrant,
6 drawn on the county treasurer, payable out of the county fund, for the price of the copies
7 received, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per volume, such warrant to have the same
8 force and effect, and be payable, as other warrants drawn on such fund.

Sec. 8. The county auditor shall deliver a copy of said book to each of the township
2 clerks in his county, who shall keep the same for the use of the township officers except con-
3 stables and justices of the peace, and each of such officers shall have the right to the possession
4 of such copy for official use, at and for such reasonable time as may be convenient and prac-
5 ticable.

Sec. 9. The township clerk, on receiving a copy of said book shall execute to the county
2 auditor a receipt therefor, and shall deliver the same to his successor, and each officer
3 receiving such copy and not accounting therefor, shall be liable therefor on his official bond
4 for the cost price thereof.

Sec. 10. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, news-
3 papers printed at Des Moines, Iowa.